

WOVEN KWANZAA MAT

Lesson of the Day:

It celebrates seven principals, including "unity" or togetherness. It is a time to celebrate our family and friends and how we work together. The holiday also celebrates cooperation (working together) and sharing.



Materials:

- Red, green, and black construction paper
- Scissors
- Optional: Lamination



Instructions:

- 1. Discuss the lesson of the day with your students. Talk about what it means to them.
- 2. Have students fold the card in half lengthwise. Cut long lines in the card about 1 inch apart and about 1 inch from the edge of the card.
- 3. Cut the paper into strips about 1 inch wide. Take a strip of paper and pass it under the red card and then up through the first slit, down through the second and back up through the third and so on until you reach the other side of the card. Push it up so it sits as close to the top of the red card as it can reach.
- 4. Repeat with a different colored strip of paper, starting the other way, down through the first slit and up through the second and so on. Repeat until the card is full.
- 5. Laminating will protect your mat.